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CHAMBERS OF CATHERINE C. BLAKE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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> Re: Willow Mattison v. Buddy's Crabs and Ribs, Inc., et al.

> > Civil No. CCB-00-3287

Dear Counsel:

Thank you for your joint report regarding deposition hours. The plaintiff's request for 40 hours is **Approved**; the defendants' request for 120 hours, which is excessive in terms of cost and delay, is **Denied**. The defendants also may have 40 hours of deposition time.

The case is being referred for a settlement/ADR conference before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine C. Blake

United States District Judge

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